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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 6802

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE STUDENTS REQUEST FOR ASYLUM IN U.S.

REF: A. TOKYO 6058; B. TOKYO 6725

1. FORMER GVN EMBASSY SECOND SECY NGUYEN ANH TUAN (WHO HAS ASSUMED LEADERSHIP FOR DIPLOMATS/STUDENTS SINCE EMBASSY'S CLOSURE) CALLED ON US MAY 20 WITH CONFIDENTIAL LIST OF 278 VIETNAMESE STUDENTS WHO REQUESTED ASYLUM IN US. SIMILAR LIST WAS ALSO GIVEN TO UNHCR CORRESPONDENT SAITO. TUAN SAID LIST DUPLICATED TO GREAT EXTENT LIST GIVEN TO FRENCH EMBASSY SINCE MAJORITY OF VIETNAMESE STUDENTS WHO FEEL THREATENED WISH TO GO TO EITHER FRANCE OR US. (FRENCH EMBOFF TOLD US TWO WEEKS AGO THEY HAD ISSUED 300 OR SO VISAS TO VIETNAMESE STUDENTS.) MOST OF THESE STUDENTS ALREADY GRADUATED OR WILL GRADUATE THIS YEAR AND, AS WE REPORTED REF A, GOJ IS CREATING SOME PRESSURE FOR MOST TO DEPART JAPAN.

2. UNHCR'S SAITO TOLD US MAY 21 THAT FONOFF ASSURED HIM STUDENTS WOULD NOT BE DEPORTED T SVN (OR CAMBODIA) NOR
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WOULD THEY BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT RGSVN PASSPORTS WHEN

RGSVN ESTABLISHES EMBASSY IN JAPAN. NEVERTHELESS, NEITHER SAITO NOR WE KNOW WHAT ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS FONOFF WIL MAKE AFTER GVN PASSPORTS, STUDENTS STILL HAVE, ARE INVALIDATED.

3. REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE: WE ASSUME MAJORITY OF 278 STUDENTS WILL DECIDE TO GO TO FRANCE, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HOW TO PROCEED. WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD DISCUSS QUESTION FRANKLY WITH TUAN AND ASK HIM TO REVISE LIST TO REFLECT SMALLER NUMBER WHOSE FIRST CHOICE IS U.S. OR WHO HAVE TIES WITH U.S. AT SAME TIME, WE DO NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS AT ALL UNLESS THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION TO U.S. PLEASE ADVISE.
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